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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0649

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CGEN SHUM PFOR LA AS US

SUBJECT: CONSULAR ACCESS TO FOREIGN PRISONERS

1. WESTERN EMBASSIES WITH CITIZENS UNDER LPDR DETENTION
FIND IT DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN CONSULAR ACCESS.

2. AN AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN WAS ARRESTED ABOUT MARCH 15
AND IS BELIEVED TO BE HELD IN THE HIGH SECURITY SAM
KHE PRISON, ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN CONSUL. AUSTRALIAN
CONSUL TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 28 THAT HE HAD NOT YET BEEN
GIVEN CONSULAR ACCESS OR BEEN BRIEFED ON CHARGES
AGAINST THE PRISONER. DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY SOURCES,
WHICH ARE NEVER AT A LOSS FOR RUMORS, SAID THE
AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN WAS A DRUG ADDICT WHO GOT INTO A
LOUD ARGUMENT WITH A GROUP OF LPLA SOLDIERS.

3. A BRITISH CITIZEN WHO IS A LONGTIME VIENTIANE
RESIDENT AND WELL KNOWN ALCOHOLIC WAS ARRESTED MARCH
25, ACCORDING TO BRITISH CONSUL. BRITISH CONSUL TOLD
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EMBOFF THAT HE LOCATED JAILED SUBJECT HAPPILY DOWNING
A HEARTY MEAL AND A BOTTLE OF LAO WHISKY IN A MODERN
APARTMENT BUILDING WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD TO BE THE HEAD-
QUARTERS OF THE "HOTEL POLICE". THE "OVER-PROTECTIVE"
POLICE, HOWEVER, GRANTED BRITISH CONSUL ONLY ONE
MINUTE OF ACCESS AND EVEN THEN ONLY AFTER MUCH
DISCUSSION. BRITISH CONSUL COMPLAINED THAT HE WAS

GETTING EVEN LESS COOPERATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN OBTAINING CONSULAR ACCESS. IN THE
BRIEF MEETING, HOWEVER, THE PRISONER EXPLAINED THAT HE
WAS SUFFERING FROM HALLUCINATIONS AND WAS ARRESTED
AFTER HE SUDDENLY BOLTED FROM A HOTEL BAR AND GALLOPED
AT FULL SPEED DOWN THE SLEEPY LANES OF VIENTIANE.

4. WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF ANY UNITED STATES CITIZENS
IN JAIL AT PRESENT.
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